

Streaming Time



Now streaming through a Smart TV near you, Netflix has an original production describing the adventures of *Marco Polo*. The period piece is pure Mongolian soap opera with good characters, lots of *Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon* style fighting and the beautiful Joan Chen as the empress behind the Khan of all Khans—Kublai who rules without mercy. There are abounding twists and

turns, with plenty of action to keep you pushing forward to the next episode. There are two seasons ready for viewing. The sets are lavish and the story builds over time. *Marco Polo* is worth an afternoon or two. *Marco Polo* gets three flat screens.



Another streamer to consider if you like irreverent comedy is *You're the Worst*. It is a modern Bad Romance that works. Jimmy and Gretchen are two non-committers who are a match made in emotional hell and their relationship is what makes this comedram so special. These two are not nice and yet, we are rooting for them all the way. There are sidekicks and pals with their own outrageous over the top dysfunctions and a very tender treatment of PTSD. These characters are not stereotypes, they are fresh and fun and worth binging. The episodes are short and often bittersweet. They identify the best





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and the worst that love has to offer and deal with clinical depression, infidelity, marriage, break-ups and all the other things people go through in modern relationships. This is not your mama's sitcom. It is for those who root for the underdogs. So next time you can't make it to the theater, check out *You're the Worst* if you like quirky edgy dialogue. On FX and Hulu, I give it 5 flat screens.



Finally, there's a guilty pleasure for those who love teen dramas. *East Los High* is a good one to help generate conversation between moms and their kids about things happening at home and in the barrio. Set in East Los Angeles High School, there are lots of the usual high

school issues but the characters are engaging and the dance moves are great as these kids try to make it in the world. So there you go. Three very different shows to enjoy as we wind out the summer. *East Los High* gets three flat screens.

